

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

For the Examiner's convenience, a list of all claims is included below.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:
connecting a first application with a first database and a second database;
connecting an interface module to the first database and the second database;
connecting a second application to the interface module; and
translating data formats from the second application and the first database and the second database within the interface module to allow data to be processed without a local database for the second application wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within a data center and the second application is run, dataless, at an application service provider.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 1, wherein the interface module resides in the data center.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module is integrated into the second application software.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module resides on a separate server.
7. (Currently amended) A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method, the method comprising the steps of:
 - connecting a first application with a first database and a second database;
 - connecting an interface module to the first database and the second database;
 - connecting the second application to the interface module; and
 - translating data formats from the second application and the first database and the second database within the interface module to allow data to be processed without a local database for the second application wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within a data center and the second application is run, dataless, at an application service provider..
8. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 9 7, wherein the interface module resides in the data center.

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11. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module is integrated into the second application software.

12. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module resides on a separate server.

13. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a first application being connected to a first database and a second database;

a second application; and

an interface being connected to the first database by a first connection, the second database by a second connection, and the second application by a third connection, the interface translating data formats from the first database, the second database, and the second application so that data from the second unit may be processed without a local database for the second unit
wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within a data center and the second application is run, dataless, at an application service provider.

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17. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the interface resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14 13, wherein the interface resides in the data center.

19. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the interface is integrated into the second application software.

20. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the interface resides on a separate server.

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